

TWENTY-NINE MINERS KILLED IN MINE BLAST

Only Nine Bodies Recovered From Pennsylvania Shaft.

Gas Believed to Have Been Cause of Explosion.

TWENTY BURIED IN DEBRIS
Thousand Employed, But Had Not Entered Mine.

Volunteer Rescuers Work Frantically to Save Entombed Men.

Brownsville, Pa., Feb. 2.—Eighteen bodies had been recovered shortly before 2 o'clock this afternoon from the Gates mine of the H. C. Frick Coke company at Gates, Pa., where a fearful explosion occurred early today. Eight other miners, all believed dead, are still in the mine.

It was stated by company officials this afternoon there were fifty miners in the mine at the time of the explosion but a late check up shows that twenty-four escaped by climbing up a 250-foot mine shaft, hand over hand, over ropes and cables.

The bodies recovered are badly burned. But one man of the eighteen known dead has been identified. He was Mike Yoursinsky of Adah, Pa.

Gates, Pa., Feb. 2.—All hope for the miners imprisoned by an explosion in the Gates mine of the H. C. Frick Coke company here was abandoned at 2 o'clock this afternoon when rescue crews came across seven bodies in the workings affected by the blast.

Nine bodies had previously been brought to the surface. Checking the workmen, however, showed that the mine officials said the men still unaccounted for had probably perished. Rescuers coming up from the scene of the explosion said there is no hope that any of the other twenty men in the mine are alive. This theory was based on the fact that the men taken out had perished from asphyxiation and not from the force of the blast.

Gas Caused Explosion.
The explosion is believed to have been caused by gas. A fall of tons of late following the explosion is believed to have crushed many more miners, according to company officials' statement just before noon.

One statement by a company official said about 100 miners were at work at the time of the explosion, but that some had escaped by use of ropes and cables, while others clambered up the 250 foot shaft.

The entrance to the mine is a picture of horror. At the base of the shaft are the bodies of the five dead men.

May Not Identify Victims.
They have not been identified. The bodies of some of the victims are charred so badly they probably will never be identified.

Sam Brown, former Boston Braves pitcher, is directing the rescue work. His wife is aiding him. Brown is superintendent of the mine.

A squadron of state troopers was dispatched to the mine today to aid in the rescue and preserve order. The mine in which the explosion occurred is the largest of the sixty-three mines of the H. C. Frick Coke company.

Thousand Are Employed.
About 1,000 miners are employed in this mine, but the day shift had not reported for duty when the explosion took place.

A relief train carrying doctors, nurses and other medical supplies is en route. Miners, acting as volunteer rescuers, are coming from various points. Rescuers are working frantically to dig thru the mass of debris and reach the entombed men. The exact number is yet unknown.

New Jersey Court Against Dry Law.
Trenton, N. J., Feb. 2.—The court of errors and appeals, highest court in New Jersey, today declared the Van Ness state prohibition enforcement act unconstitutional, reversing a previous decision of the state supreme court. The vote of the court was 8 to 4.

A COMBINATION OF 2'S

Date Today, Designated by Numbers, Is 2-2-22—Not Until March 3, 1923, Will All the Figures in Line Be Same.

The average harassed American, when he writes down a date, doesn't take time to spell out the name of the month. Usually he designates it by its number, follows that number with the number of the day of the month, and follows that with the last two figures of the year, separating the three figures with dashes.

The man who writes his dates that way, has today a combination which will not be repeated for a long, long time.

To wit: "2-2-22." The American must be original, or he is not happy. He will sacrifice efficiency and logic to originality, as a rule. So the practice of the European countries, to place the day of the month first, and the year second, in the list, couldn't be followed in America.

On this occasion, however, the European and the American will have to agree—whether either party approves. The day of the month, and the number of the month, are the same—a coincidence which can only occur once a month.

But not until the third day of March, 1923—eleven years from now—will all the figures in the line be the same.

The WEATHER

FORECAST FOR KANSAS.
Generally fair tonight and Friday.
Warmer west portion tonight.

PLENTY SUNSHINE IN KANSAS

Ground Hog Has Splendid Opportunity to See His Shadow.

Shippers' Forecast.

TODAY'S TEMPERATURES.

7 o'clock.....22 11 o'clock.....29
8 o'clock.....23 12 o'clock.....32
9 o'clock.....24 1 o'clock.....34
10 o'clock.....25 2 o'clock.....35

Proter, all thirty-six hour shipments north against a temperature of 15 degrees. West 20. East and south 25. The ground hog saw his shadow today, as sunshine was plentiful. The sky was clear today from St. Louis to San Francisco, so a large number of ground hogs will crawl back into their holes for a stay of six weeks.

The cold wave which was scheduled to materialize as the cold weather passed to the north of Kansas. The sky was also clear from Texas north to South Dakota. No zero weather was reported in Kansas. Temperatures below zero were given in Montana, Wyoming and North Dakota.

No fall of moisture was reported in (Continued on Page Two.)

TOLL NOW IS 98

Second Assistant Postmaster General Knickerbocker Victim.

Dies in Washington Hospital From Injuries in Crash.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Edward H. Shaughnessy of Chicago, second assistant postmaster general, died here early today at Walter Reed hospital from injuries received in the Knickerbocker theater disaster Saturday night. Mr. Shaughnessy's injuries were known to be of a critical nature, his condition had shown improvement up yesterday and his death was unexpected.

Attending physicians said his death followed a sudden heart collapse shortly after midnight. This was preceded, they said, by development of internal complications yesterday. Mr. Shaughnessy's wife and his 10-year-old daughter, both of whom are now recovering from injuries received in the theater disaster, had not been informed of his death at an early hour.

The death of the second assistant postmaster general brings the fatality toll of the disaster as now recorded by the police up to 98.

CABINET HAS QUIT

Italian Ministry Hands Resignations to King Today.

Action Comes Following Opening of New Parliament.

Rome, Feb. 2.—Premier Bonomi and the entire Italian cabinet resigned today.

The resignations were tendered to King Victor Emmanuel by Signor Bonomi, who is believed to be the new minister.

The resignation of the cabinet was expected in the chamber, and in parliamentary circles during the last week.

May Affect Parley.
The resignation of the cabinet may have some effect upon the forthcoming international economic conference at Genoa, as Premier Bonomi was in charge of the preparations for the meeting.

The Democratic members of the chamber at a caucus voted against the ministry.

The morning newspapers agreed that Premier Bonomi would be forced out, but they are not certain whether he would resign or attempt to fight the opposition in the chamber. It is believed Signor Giolitti will be called to form a new cabinet.

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IS GROUND HOG MURDER

Los Angeles Picture Director Shot Down in Home.

Police Hunt His Secretary—Believe Revenge Motive.

STARS NEAR BY HEARD SHOT

Mabel Normand and Douglas MacLain Help Detectives.

Bullet Found in Victim's Neck Showed Murder.

Los Angeles, Feb. 2.—Shot down while writing at his desk by a mysterious assassin, William Desmond Taylor, well known motion picture producer and director, was found dead today in his bungalow in the Westlake district. Death was caused by a bullet wound in the back just below the left shoulder, according to police.

Taylor, who was 30 years old and wealthy, apparently was killed between 9 and 10 o'clock last night. The body was found today by a colored servant when he reported for duty at the house.

First Thought Death Natural.
Police detectives who first reached the scene reported that death was from natural causes, but an under-sar look out of his window which caused an internal hemorrhage. Taylor evidently died a few minutes after being attacked.

Detectives questioned neighbors, who stated they heard what apparently was the report of a revolver shortly after 9 p. m.

The police immediately began search for Edward F. Sands, former secretary of Taylor. Robbery was not the motive for the murder, it was announced, as officers found \$75 in the pocket of the slain man as well as a large amount of jewelry in the house.

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Ground Hog Sees Shadow; Late Spring Due in Kansas



The groundhog prophets are going around in circles. Modern science is again playing thunder with established tradition.

There was a time when the o. r. (oldest resident, Maybelle, of course) could look out of his window and see the morning of February 2, and decide what sort of climatical conditions should obtain during the next month and a half.

Neighbors Heard Shot.
Among the witnesses questioned by the police during the morning were Mabel Normand, Edna Purviance and Douglas MacLain, prominent film and stage stars.

Miss Normand admitted having visited Taylor's bungalow in the early evening yesterday to discuss a new picture. She said she saw Taylor's car in the driveway and saw a light burning in Taylor's study.

Douglas MacLain and his wife, who live in the same district, said they heard the shot fired shortly after 9 o'clock. They thought at the time it might be an automobile exhaust. They described a strange man whom they saw in the bungalow.

Taylor had never been married, living alone in the bungalow.

Robbery Not Object.
Several months ago Taylor informed the police that he had been attacked by a man who had been in his study for making irregular use of Taylor's bank checking account, and the police are conducting an inquiry along that line for a possible motive for the slaying.

An actress living in an adjoining residence informed the police that she saw a man go into Taylor's apartment early today, and shortly afterward heard a shot. The body was found by Taylor's valet. Robbery evidently was not a motive for the slaying, for a purse containing \$75 was found on the desk near the body.

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TO RUSH FINISH

Every Effort Made to End Conference Next Week.

Next and Last Plenary Session Monday or Tuesday.

CHINESE PACTS BEING DRAWN

Tariff Increase in Orient Now Chief Problem.

Twenty-One Demands Are Still "Unfinished Business."

Washington, Feb. 2.—The whip was applied today to the lagging armament conference in a drive to have it complete its work and adjourn finally Secretary of State Hughes and the other conference leaders are determined to end the conference by the last of this week or the first of next, if it is humanly possible to do so. Another plenary session of the conference to clean up is in prospect for Monday or Tuesday.

Material progress was reported today on the two Far Eastern treaties which are to consolidate the work of the conference respecting Chinese questions.

Are Three Major Questions.
One of these will deal solely with China's tariff increase, according to present plans the other will incorporate all the other decisions of the powers restoring Chinese sovereignty.

Three major questions occupied the attention of the delegates when committee meetings were resumed all along the line today:

1. The Chinese railway.

2. The matter of selling arms to China.

3. The much discussed twenty-one demands.

Differences Only Minor Ones.
Only minor differences are holding up the agreement respecting the Chinese Eastern railway. International control will be continued until Russia is in a position to reassert her dual control with China.

Italy is holding up the decision respecting arms to China. All the other powers have signified acceptance of the resolution which pledges them not to import arms and ammunition into the strife-ridden country. The Italian delegates ostensibly are awaiting advice from Rome before giving adherence to this proposition.

The twenty-one demands alone presented an uncertain issue. The general expectation in the Japanese camp was that the demands would be accepted by the Chinese and which was left pending and under discussion.

They, short weeks of the other demands by referred to the numerous resolutions adopted by the conference, which tend to invalidate many of them.

Delegates Plan Departures.
Further evidence that the conference is almost at an end was seen in the announcement that the major part of the British delegation, headed by A. J. Balfour, will sail for home on the liner Aquitania, leaving New York on Tuesday, February 7.

It is probable that parts of the French and Italian delegates will leave about the same date.

Assure Holland and Portugal.
Holland and Portugal, the two smaller powers having substantial interests in the Pacific regions, are being "informally" brought into the provisions of the Pacific treaty, it was learned officially today.

The powers signatory to the treaty are addressing individual notes to Holland and Portugal, assuring them that the treaty signatories, they are nevertheless, to all practical purposes, parties to the treaty which is designed to keep the peace of the Pacific.

British Still Unsatisfied.
London, Feb. 2.—Adoption of the two treaties in the Washington conference limiting navies and restricting the use of new agencies of warfare is a great step in world history, was the official comment today at No. 10 Downing street, the official residence of Premier Lloyd George.

The cabinet held a meeting at which the treaties were discussed. Great Britain's disappointment over failure to secure the scrapping of submarines was the chief subject of comment. The Times, Chronicle and Westminster Gazette pointed out that the submarine regulations were inadequate.

They said, "The treaty could prevent 'hideous warfare' in the future."

It was indicated in official circles that Premier Lloyd George may hold up the Washington results as a good example to follow at the international economic conference at Genoa. It is expected that the shipping and movement of armies similar to the naval reduction program at Washington.

Japan Delegates Leave Feb. 21.
Washington, Feb. 2.—Baron Adm. Kato, head of the Japanese delegation at the arms conference, accompanied by Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Masano Hamahara and the entire Japanese delegation staff will sail for Japan aboard the liner Taiyo Maru from San Francisco on February 21, it was announced today at the Japanese embassy here.

They Charge That New Ordinance Is Unreasonable and Oppressive.
The new city ordinance which went into effect Wednesday night requiring all taxicabs to be equipped with meters drew fire this morning from the Union Taxi company, 427 Jackson street, which filed suit in the district court against the City of Topeka and George T. Mattingly, city license collector, asking that they be enjoined from putting the ordinance into effect.

The Union Taxi Co., which is a voluntary association composed of J. L. Cobery, L. B. Cobery and J. L. Simmons, charges that the ordinance is illegal and void inasmuch as the ordinance is unreasonable and oppressive, and the requirements with reference to the meters and numbers on the doors of the cars are unjust.

Gov. Allen to Pittsburg
Will Attend Meeting of Third District Republicans Friday.

Governor Allen will leave Friday morning for Pittsburg, where he will speak that night at a meeting of Third district Republicans. He will discuss the tax problems.

Congressman J. N. Tinscher of the Seventh Kansas district will also speak at the meeting. Congressman Tinscher came to Kansas this week. He accompanied Congressman Fordney to Topeka for his speech before the Kansas Day club.

Craig and Collins in Parley.
(By the Associated Press.)

Bellevue, Feb. 2.—The first formal conference on Irish soil between Premier Sir James Craig of Ulster and Michael Collins, Irish free state leader, was held this afternoon in Dublin. Following the meeting Sir James will proceed to London.

THEIR SIGNATURES SIMPLE

American Signers of Naval Cut Treaty Only Called Themselves "Citizens of the United States"—Others Used Long "Handles."

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 2.—When the American delegates to the armament conference came to describe themselves for the purpose of the list of plenipotentiaries that always precedes the final act of a treaty, they set before the world a new example of democracy. Titles and official designations of many sorts glittered opposite the names of the representatives of other new naval and submarine treaties appear simply this:

"For the president of the U. S. A.; 'HENRY CABOT LODGE,' 'OSCAR W. UNDERWOOD,' 'HARRISON ROBERTSON,' 'CITIZENS of the United States.'"

Compared to this every other delegate list carried some sort of a handle long or short, to be sure. The longest is that of the head of the Japanese who is described thus:

"For his majesty, the Emperor of Japan, Baron Tomomaburo Kato, minister for the navy, Janii, a member of the first class of the Imperial Order of the Grand Cordon of the Rising Sun, with the Paulownia flower."

HE GETS BIG JOB
Manhattan Man Named Kansas Prohibitory Agent.

N. J. DeArmond Is Veteran of World War.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Prohibition Commissioner Haynes today announced the appointment of Nowal DeArmond, of Manhattan, Kan., as Kansas prohibitory agent for the state of Kansas.

Nowal DeArmond, referred to in the above dispatch, is N. J. or "Red" DeArmond, of Manhattan, Kan., and his appointment has been expected for some time. He was said today at the office of George Wark, federal prohibition enforcement officer for this state.

Mr. Wark is at home sick. It was announced at his office that DeArmond would make the sixth man on the federal prohibition enforcement staff in Kansas. The agency are not assigned to any certain territory or district, but work under the direction of Wark over the entire state.

DeArmond was popular in national guard circles for years and is a veteran of the recent world war. Since his discharge from the army he has been working in a clothing store at Manhattan.

A ROAD VACATION
Work on the Topeka-Lawrence Highway to Be Delayed.

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